

## **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

### **VICE CHAIR**

- Public Safety and Health Committee

### **CO-CHAIR**

- City-County Carjacking and Reckless Driving Task Force

### **MEMBER**

- Community & Economic Development Committee
- Licenses Committee
- City-County Carjacking and Reckless Driving Task Force
- Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee
- Milwaukee Continuum of Care
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission



**CHANTIA LEWIS**  
ALDERWOMAN, 9TH DISTRICT

## **NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES (NLC):**

- Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (**Vice Chair**)
- Military Communities Council (**Vice Chair**)
- National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (**Director - Region 7**)

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

December 4, 2020

**Alderdwoman Chantia Lewis**

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# **1<sup>st</sup> Annual New9th Christmas Toy Drive to Brighten the Season for Hundreds of Children**

Alderdwoman Chantia Lewis has joined forces with the **Granville and Havenwoods Business Improvement Districts** to launch the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual New9th Christmas Toy Drive, expected to provide up to 1,000 gifts for children who reside in the 9<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District on Milwaukee's northwest side.

The toy drive is made possible by the generous support of the Granville and Havenwoods BIDs and several sponsors, Alderdwoman Lewis said. "The BIDs and the generous sponsors stepped up without hesitation when I shared my idea of a way to brighten the holiday season for children and families that have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic crisis that has turned so many lives upside down," she said.

"We know many kids will be left with very little or no gifts this Christmas, and we feel joy in knowing the New9th Christmas Toy Drive will help spread some love and the joyous spirit of the season for many 9<sup>th</sup> District children," the alderdwoman said.

Those looking to make donations of toys and/or funds for the drive can reach out via email to [Chantia.Lewis@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Chantia.Lewis@milwaukee.gov).

To be eligible for free gifts from the drive, recipients must be zero to 17 years of age and must reside in the 9<sup>th</sup> District in the City of Milwaukee. The recipient sign-up form ([www.city.milwaukee.gov/new9thchristmastoydrive](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/new9thchristmastoydrive)) can also be accessed via Alderdwoman Lewis's webpage ([www.city.milwaukee.gov/district9](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/district9)) and must be filled out completely and submitted NO LATER THAN 12 p.m. (noon) on Monday, December 7th, 2020.

A 9<sup>th</sup> District map can also be found on the 9<sup>th</sup> District webpage ([www.city.milwaukee.gov/district9](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/district9)).

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SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED AND THE GIFTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. Gift recipients will be notified by text or email of the time, date, and location of gift distribution. At the time of distribution gift recipients and their parents/guardians must wear masks and practice social distancing.

Alderwoman Lewis and the Granville and Havenwoods BIDs would like to thank the following generous partnering sponsors and donors:

ETE (Engine & Transmission Exchange)  
MRS (Midwest Refrigerated Services)  
Sellars  
Always Towing & Recovery, Inc.  
Family Foods  
Krause Funeral Homes  
Xymox Technologies  
TruCannaBliss

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